

REMARKS

Claims 1-5 and 7-29 are pending. Claims 15-29 have been withdrawn. A Final Office Action mailed December 22, 2004 rejected Claims 1, 2, 7-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 and Claims 1-5, and 7-14 under 35 U.S.C. § 103. By way of this Amendment, Applicant hereby cancels Claims 1-5 and 7-14 and adds new Claims 30-39. Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.116, Applicant hereby respectfully requests reconsideration of the application.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Office Action rejected Claims 1, 2, and 7-10 as being anticipated by Nishida. The Office Action states that Nishida discloses a plurality of processors 60/70 and each of the processors being coupled to one or more units to control the data displayed on the unit. Applicant has cancelled Claims 1, 2, and 7-10, thereby rendering this rejection moot. However, with respect to new Claims 30-39, Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Applicant submits that Nishida discloses that each display element includes a unique controller. With regard to new Claim 30, Applicant submits that Nishida fails to teach or suggest four display units, each including an array of lighting elements, a first processor coupled to the first and second display units and the second processor coupled to the third and fourth display units. Therefore, Applicant submits that new Claim 30 is allowable over the cited reference.

Because Claims 31-39 depend from allowable independent Claim 30, they are allowable for the same reason that make their corresponding independent claim allowable.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Office Action rejected Claims 1-5, 7, 9, and 10 as being unpatentable over Orava et al. (Orava) in view of Seraphim et al. (Seraphim). Applicant has cancelled Claims 1-5, 9, and 10, thereby rendering this rejection moot. However, with respect to new Claims 30-39, Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

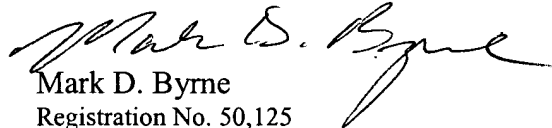
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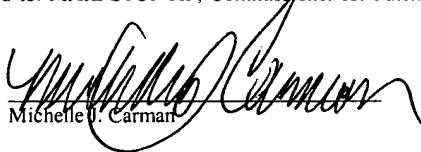
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